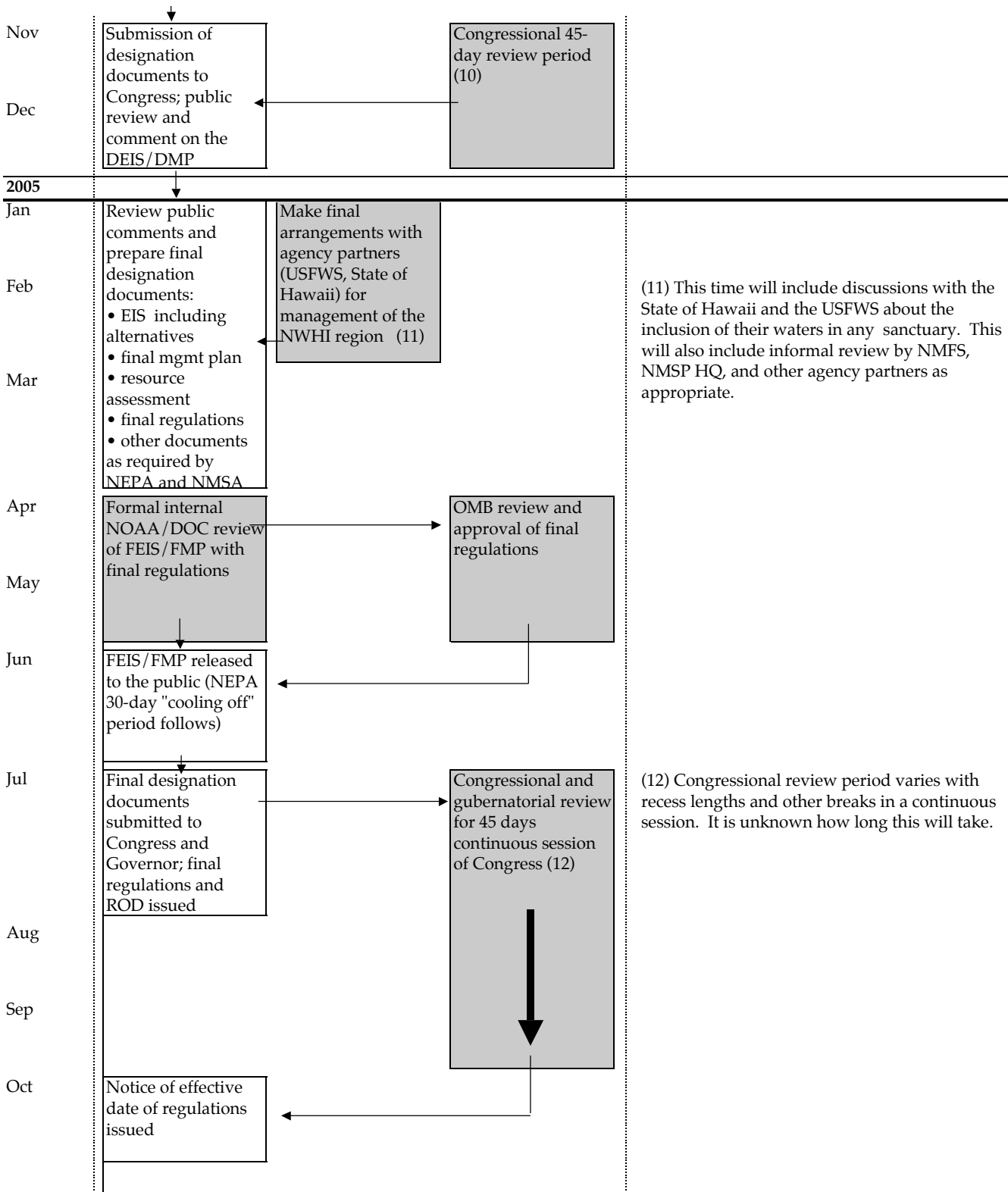


Year	Designation Activities			Comments
2003				
Pre-June Activities	Scoping completed and comments being reviewed	Required agency consultations completed		
Jun	Final RAC review of Reserve Operations Plan (1)			(1) The Reserve Operations Plan (ROP) will be a significant part of the basis of the Draft Management Plan (DMP).
Jul	Meet w /RAC subcommittee to review designation process and timeframe; review process to develop guidance on fishing regulations, review management plan development (2).			(2) Reserve staff will discuss the sanctuary designation process, the development of fishery guidance to WPRFMC, and the best approach to management plan development with the interim RAC designation subcommittee.
Aug	Meet with interagency partners, RAC representatives, WPRFMC, and other experts to develop regulatory guidance for proposed sanctuary fishing regulations. (3)			(3) Contractor (SRGII) will conduct meetings, review data, provide analysis and recommendations to NMSP
Sep				(4) The National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), in conjunction with the RAC, will identify management strategies, and then action plans for address each issue. The action plans will form the content of the Draft Management Plan (DMP). NEPA alternatives will also be derived from the management strategies as they are developed.
Oct				
Nov				(5) This period will include discussions with the State of Hawaii and the USFWS about the inclusion of their waters in any proposed sanctuary. This will also include informal review by NMFS, NMSP HQ, and other agency partners as appropriate.
Dec				
2004				
Jan				(6) In addition to providing guidance to WPRFMC on fishing regulations the NMSP will work with DOC/GC to prepare all other draft regulations. as needed.
Feb	Develop work plans for addressing scoping issues (4)			(7) NMSA regulations specify 120 days for the Fishery Management Council to draft sanctuary fishing regulations.
Mar	Prepare, review, and approve proposed designation documents (5): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EIS including alternatives• draft mgmt plan• resource assessment• proposed regulations (6)• other documents as required by NEPA and NMSA	Provide opportunity for the WPRFMC to prepare fishing regulations pursuant to NMSA Section 304(a)(5) (7)		
Apr				
May				(8) Timelines associated with these consultations are driven by different statutes.
Jun				(9) OMB approval can take up to 90 days.
Jul				
Aug				
Sep	Formal internal NOAA /DOC review of DEIS/DMP with final regulations	Complete required consultations (ESA, EFH, Federal Consistency, NHPA, etc.) (8)	OMB review and approval of proposed regulations (9)	(10) 45-day Congressional review period varies with recess lengths and other breaks in a continuous session. Presently it is unknown how long this will take.
Oct				



■ = actions that are beyond the control of the NMSP